

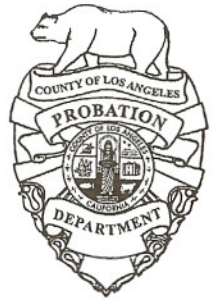


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December 15, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) SUPPORT PROJECT
ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS
STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA)**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT:

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting that your Board adopt a Resolution to support County's participation in the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Support Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt a Resolution (Attachment 1) to support the County's participation in the DMC Support Project.
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept any grant funds from the Corrections Standards Authority in an estimated amount of \$100,000 for the first grant period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, and an estimated \$100,000 for the subsequent 12-month period, and an estimated \$100,000 for the third and final 12-month period, for an estimated total of \$300,000 in grant funding from the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) under the DMC Support Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt a Resolution to support the County's participation in the DMC Support Project, and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding from the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. The total grant award will be approximately \$100,000 for the first grant period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, and an estimated \$100,000 for the subsequent 12-month period, and an estimated \$100,000 for the third and final 12-month period, for an estimated total of \$300,000 in grant funding from the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) under the DMC Support Project.

Formula Grant Funds made available through this program will be used to strengthen existing Disproportionate Minority Contact Technical Assistance Project (DMC-TAP) activities. The primary focus of the DMC-TAP is to develop strategies and recommendations that address the over-representation of minority youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system at all points (from arrest through confinement) relative to their numbers in the general population. The program is designed to assist Probation in understanding and identifying DMC and to equip the Department with the tools and resources needed to provide leadership in developing and/or strengthening community-based DMC-TAP reduction activities.

On October 31, 2006, the Board adopted a resolution to support the County's participation in Phase I of the DMC-TAP, and authorized the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funds awarded from CSA in the amount of \$150,000 for the first year Phase I grant period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007, \$175,000 for the subsequent Phase II 12-month period and \$200,000 for Phase III, and final 12-month period for a total of \$525,000 in grant funding.

On November 15, 2006, CSA awarded the Probation Department \$150,000 for the Phase I grant period. Phase I funds were used to identify infrastructure needs within the department (e.g., DMC staff and/or resources needed to implement and improve data collection and analysis efforts). Specifically, Phase I objectives were as follows: 1) determination if DMC exists at key Departmental Decision/Contact Points based on the "Relative Rate Index" (RRI); 2) considering internal and external factors contributing to DMC; 3) recommending, for those Decision/Contact points greatly influenced by the Department, solutions to reduce or eliminate overrepresentation of certain segments of the general population; 4) developing a plan to engage juvenile justice stakeholders in seeking system changes for those Decision/Contact Points where Probation has minimal or no influence concerning the outcome and; 5) making recommendations concerning changes to existing automated systems to better track, monitor and analyze activities at Departmental Decision/Contact Points.

On October 16, 2007, the Board adopted a resolution to support the County's participation in Phase II of the DMC-TAP. In November of 2007, CSA awarded the Probation Department \$175,000 for the Phase II grant period. Phase II funds were used for contracting with an expert consultant to facilitate stakeholder collaboration and to assist in developing DMC reduction strategies. Specifically, Phase II objectives were as follows: 1) determination at which internal decision points there is the greatest potential and need for DMC reduction; 2) utilization of alternatives to detention in appropriate cases as a strategy for DMC reduction; 3) developing a plan that includes stakeholders in system-wide DMC reduction efforts; 4) completion of community data analysis to identify DMC patterns and 5) improving data collection at all points to capture statistics relevant to DMC.

In November 12, 2008, the Board adopted a resolution to support the County's participation in Phase III of the DMC-TAP. In March 2009, CSA awarded the Probation Department \$200,000 for the Phase III grant period. Phase III funds are currently being used to continue the County's efforts in developing DMC-TAP reduction strategies by supporting implementation of the DMC reduction plan developed in Phase II.

In September 29, 2009, the Board adopted a Letter of Intent to support County's participation in the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Support Project.

DMC Support Project grant funds will continue the County's efforts in developing DMC-TAP reduction strategies by supporting implementation of the DMC reduction plan developed in Phase II and implemented in Phase III.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1 Operational Effectiveness; and Goal #5 Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant funding for the DMC Support Project will be approximately \$100,000 for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, and an estimated \$100,000 for the subsequent 12-month period, and an estimated \$100,000 for the third and final 12-month period from the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) under the DMC Support Project. Funding is contingent on legislative funding and will be granted on a competitive basis for the first grant year and on a non-competitive basis for subsequent grant years. There is no net County cost (NCC) match requirement, and no fiscal impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Probation submitted this application on October 5th, 2009. A letter of intent from the County's Board of Supervisors was also submitted to CSA as part of the grant application process. The Letter of Intent stated that if funds are awarded, a Board of Supervisors' resolution will be submitted by the start of the grant (January 1, 2010). The resolution, required as part of the application process, has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The DMC Support Project grant funds will support further implementation of the DMC reduction plan developed in Phase II and implemented in Phase III.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send the adopted Board Letter and an original signed Letter of Intent to: Probation Department, Attention: Tasha Howard, Director, Contract Management Division, 9150 E. Imperial Hwy Downey, CA 90242

Respectfully submitted,



Robert B. Taylor
Chief Probation Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Acting County Counsel
Chief Executive Office

Attachment 1

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT (DMC) SUPPORT
PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS
STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA)**

WHEREAS the County of Los Angeles Probation Department desires to participate in the DMC Support Grant Project supported by federal Formula Grant funds and administered by the Corrections Standards Authority (hereafter referred to as CSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Probation Officer is authorized on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to submit the grant proposal for this funding for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010, and sign the Grant Agreement with the CSA, including any amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

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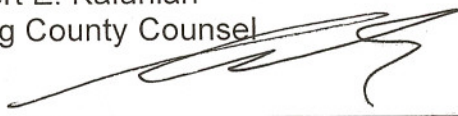
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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
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By _____ Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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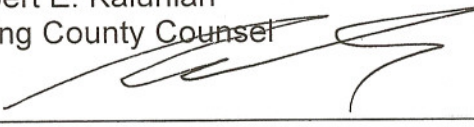
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